

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TALLAHASSEE FL
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TO: Emergency management officials, news media, and other users.

Effective Tuesday, May 7, 2013, the National Weather Service will establish flood only forecast services for the Suwannee River gage near Luraville, Florida (LURF1). In addition to these new forecast services, the National Weather Service is also establishing flood stages for this site.

A flood only forecast point is a river forecast point where forecasts and warnings are issued only when the river level is expected to rise near or above the established flood stage.

The new established flood stages for the Suwannee River gage near Luraville, Florida are based on direct feedback provided by the Lafayette and Suwannee County Emergency Management Agencies and appear below:

Action Stage	35 feet
Minor Flood Stage	37 feet
Moderate Flood Stage	41 feet
Major Flood Stage	44 feet

These upgraded hydrologic services are a direct result from coordination and cooperation between Lafayette County Emergency Management, Suwannee County Emergency Management, The Suwannee River Water Management District, and the National Weather Service in Tallahassee.

The data for this river gage near Luraville, Florida are provided by our partner, the United States Geologic Survey. Without this critical data, forecasts and warnings would not be able to be provided at this location. You can learn more about this and other Florida stream gages by visiting:

<http://fl.water.usgs.gov>

To get the latest information on this and other river forecast points, please visit our website at:

<http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=tae>

River forecasts and guidance for this point and others in Florida are provided by the Southeast River Forecast Center. You can visit their website at

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/serfc>

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